2017 Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative

BROCKTON

Funded Partners

Brockton Christian Mentoring Initiative, Brockton Police Department, Father Bills/Mainspring Coalition/Work Express, Massachusetts State Parole, Massachusetts Youth Committed to Winning, Inc., Old Colony YMCA

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts's Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model (CGM). Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. In each Shannon community, partners implement strategies that align with the CGM and respond to community problems. These strategies include education and employment opportunities, case management and street outreach or intervention, positive youth development and recreation, and coordinating a law enforcement response through suppression. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years, live in a high-risk area, and be high-risk or at-risk of becoming involved, or are currently involved, in gang activity. To learn more visit: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi

Funding Allocation



87 Total Youth Served

67% **† † † † † † †**

Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity due to the presence of known risk factors such as exposure to gang affiliates in their home or community.

33% High-Risk

Youth exposed to the same risk factors as at-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as school failure, dropping out, truancy, substance abuse, and gang involvement as an affiliate or member not yet participating in violent criminal activity.

Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

=10% of Youth Served

Shannon Strategies & Outcomes

Positive Youth Development & Recreation*



Participated in Positive Youth Development Programs

48

Cultivated Positive Sense of Self

8

Case Management & Street Outreach or Intervention



Received Case Management Services

Received Street Outreach Services

31

114
Case Management
Goals Achieved

Safety Plans Developed by Outreach Workers

74

Suppression



905

Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits Law Enforcement Supported Ride-Alongs

99

Community Mobilization



32 Graffiti Removal

Shannon Steering Committee Meetings

10

* Positive Youth Development refers to intentional efforts to provide opportunities for youth to enhance their interests, skills, and abilities.

Massachusetts	Community Risk Factors	Brockton
6,811,779	Total Population (2016 Estimate)	95,630
11.4%	Population Lives in Poverty	18.2%
3.8%	Unemployment Rate	5.3%
953,748	Total School Population) (2016-2017)	16,970
30.2%	Economically Disadvantaged	53.2%
1.8%	High School Dropout Rate	3.8%

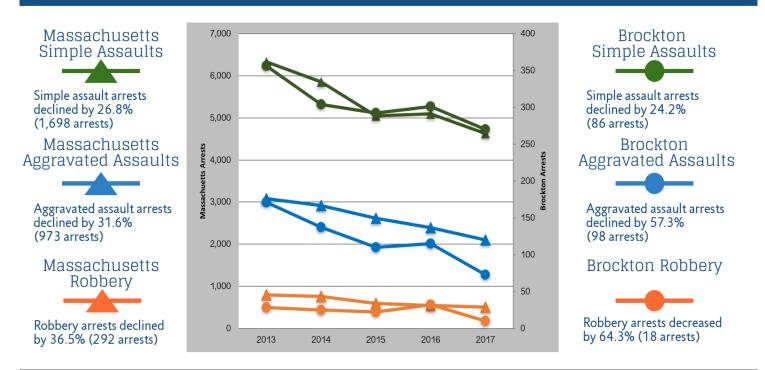
Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

Gang Activity in Brockton

19 Street Gangs

108 Gang Members Under 25 Years Old During 2017, the Brockton Police Department gang database included an estimated 197 gang members from 19 street gangs. A little over half (54.8%) of the registered gang members were under the age of 25. Gang-related drive-by shootings—fueled by the drug trade—occurred across the city. Gang recruitment occurred within family, social, and prison networks.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2013-2017



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